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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/53/102 of 8 June 1998, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, beginning on 1 January 1999.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Pieter Johannes Bierma (Netherlands);

Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile);

Mr. Paul Ekorong A Dong (Cameroon);

Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis (Australia);

Mr. Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay);

Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall (Ghana);

Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Pieter Johannes Bierma (Netherlands)

Born	9 April 1950 in Sneek, Netherlands	
Nationality	Dutch	
Education	Master's degree in economics, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 1975	
Professional career	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	1975–1983	Assistant Secretary, National Advisory Council for Development Cooperation
	1983–1988	Policy Adviser of the Economic Affairs and Trade Policy Division, International Organizations Department
	1988–1991	Head of the Staff and Coordination Division of the Director-General for International Cooperation
	1991–1994	Senior Inspector of the Financial and Economic Affairs Department
	1994–1996	Head of Coordination and Management Division, International Organizations Department
	1996–present	Deputy Director, United Nations Department, Head of the Coordination and Institutional Affairs Division
Member, Committee on Contributions	1995–1998	

Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile)

Date and place of birth	22 June 1924, Talca, Chile
Nationality	Chilean
Marital status	Married
Profession	Business administration
Area of specialization	Economic policy, economic statistics and statistical organization
Education	Faculty of Economics, University of Chile (1943–1947)
	University of Chicago, United States of America on a United Nations fellowship (1952–1953) (economics and economic planning)
	Inter-American Training Centre for Economic and Financial Statistics (1955)
	Full course on a fellowship from the Organization of American States (OAS)
	London School of Economics, University of London (1956–1958), on a British Council scholarship (demography and economics)

Teaching positions

1996–1997	Professor of Statistics, "Guillermo Subercaseaux" Institute for Banking Studies
1997	Professor of Macroeconomics, University of Chile
1992–1993	Lecturer in applied statistics, School of Public Administration, University of Chile
1968–1989	Lecturer in general statistics, War Academy, Chilean Army
1959–1970	Lecturer, Department of Social Statistics and Department of Economic and Financial Statistics, School of Political and Administrative Sciences, University of Chile
1960	Assistant lecturer, Department of Monetary Economics and Banking, School of Economics, University of Chile
1950–1955	Assistant lecturer, Department of Specialized Accounting, School of Economics, University of Chile

Public sector positions	1974–1982	National Director, National Institute of Statistics
	1961–1970	Director, Statistics and Census Department
	1963–1964	Deputy Director, Department of Trade and Industry
	1960	Economic and Financial Adviser, Ministry of the Economy, Development and Reconstruction
	1959	Head, Economics Studies Department, Ministry of the Economy
	1952–1963	Head, Foreign Currency and Exchange Budget Section, Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of the Economy
	1948	Staff member, Economic Statistics and Research Section, Central Bank of Chile
Private sector positions	1991 to date	Member, Board of Directors, Empresa Fibrocemento Pudahuel
International positions	1996–1998	Re-elected member, Committee on Contributions
	1990–1992	Member, Committee on Contributions
	1983–1989	Director, OAS Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES)
	1973–1974	United Nations adviser on statistical organization to the Statistics and National Census Department of Venezuela
	1972–1973	United Nations statistical adviser to the Venezuelan Civil Service Commission
	1971–1972	International Director of the project VEN-II "Research and urban planning", Venezuela
	1970–1971	United Nations statistical expert on project VEN-II
	1983–1989	Director of the OAS Inter-American Center for Statistical Studies (CIENES)

Participation in international meetings

In my capacity as an official of the Chilean Ministry of the Economy, National Director of the National Institute of Statistics of Chile, Director of CIENES, member of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), member and Vice-President of the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), member of the Committee on Improvement of Government Statistics (COINS), member of the Conference of Governmental Statisticians of the Americas (CEGA), formerly the Committee on Improvement of Government Statistics, Chairman of the Coordinating Council of CEGA, member of the Governing Council of the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), as a representative of the Government of Chile and/or in my personal capacity, I have

attended over 50 international conferences, meetings, seminars and working groups, organized between 1950 and 1988 by the United Nations, OAS, ISI, IASI, CEGA, COINS, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Latin American Free Trade Association, the Andean Pact, the Latin American Demographic Centre, the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the American Statistical Association (ASA), the World Fertility Conference and the National Statistical Institute of Spain.

Miscellaneous

1981–1982	Elected Chairman of the Coordinating Council of CEGA
1970–1974	Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of IASI
1968–1969	Chairman of the Commission to Reform the Faculty of Legal and Administrative Sciences, University of Chile
1958	Chairman of the Latin American Students Society of the London School of Economics
1953	Secretary of the Latin American Students Association of the University of Chicago
1947	Chairman of the Student Centre of the School of Economics
1947	Awarded the Gold Insignia for Best Student by the Faculty of Economic Sciences

Publications

"Aspectos y perspectivas de la estadistica oficial en América Latina". Paper requested by and presented to the forty-third session of ISI, Buenos Aires, November 1981.

El CONADE y el Sistema Estadístico Nacional de Venezuela. Printed work, Venezuela, 1974.

Estudio comparativo de las Legislaciones Estadísticas de Algunos Paises Latinoamericanos. Monograph, Venezuela, 1973.

"Las estadísticas chilenas de vivienda". Document presented to the Latin American Seminar on Statistics and Housing Programmes, Copenhagen, 1962.

"La competencia económica, su alcance y significado". Undergraduate thesis, 1959.

Paul Ekorong A Dong (Cameroon)

Personal data

Date of birth	2 April 1960
Marital status	Married
Place of residence	New York

Education

Courses of study

Secondary level	General education
Post-secondary level	Economics Political science Law
Main field	Economics
Area of specialization	International trade, currency and finance

Degrees, etc.

Secondary level	Lower secondary-school certificate
	Certificate of proficiency in mathematics and natural science
	Baccalauréat (secondary school leaving certificate), series D: mathematics and natural science
Post-secondary level	Licence (3-year university degree) in economics
	Maîtrise (licence + one year) in economics
	DEA (diplôme d'études approfondies, approximately = Master of Arts) in economics
	Doctorate in economics
	Maîtrise in international relations

DEA in international relations

Doctorate in international relations

Languages French, English

Major publications

Évolution du dollar (É.U.) et ses répercussions dans la zone franc (Changes in the Value of the US Dollar and Their Repercussions on the Franc Zone).

Réflexion sur la cohérence économique des programmes d'ajustement structurel: étude de cas (The Economic Consistency of Structural Adjustment Programmes: a Case Study).

Commerce extérieur et intégration régionale: le cas de l'Union douanière et économique des États de l'Afrique centrale (UDEAC) (Foreign Trade and Regional Integration: the Case of the Central African Customs and Economic Union).

Commerce, monnaie et finance ou la triple problématique du développement africain (Trade, Currency and Finance, or the Threefold Problem of African Development).

Articles

Faut-il dévaluer le franc CFA? (Should the CFA Franc Be Devalued?) – 10 pp., 1986.

Programme d'ajustement structurel et l'aide publique au développement (Structural Adjustment Programme and Official Development Assistance) – 22 pp., 1988.

Commerce extérieur et développement: la cas du Cameroun (Foreign Trade and Development: the Case of Cameroon) – 8 pp., 1988.

Pourquoi l'Uruguay Round piétine-t-il? (Why Is the Uruguay Round Stalled?) – 5 pp., 1991.

Work history

Profession: Career diplomat

Rank: First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Position: First Secretary, Delegation of Cameroon, New York

Training: 75th Trade Policy Course offered by GATT in Geneva

Seminars: Seminars organized by the EEC

Adviser to a number of Cameroonian delegations in international negotiations, including:

- Uruguay Round negotiations
- Marrakesh conference leading to the establishment of the WTO
- Negotiations on the Lomé IV Convention
- Conference of African Ministers of the Windhoek Plan on negotiations relating to indicative national UNDP programmes and other programmes

Hobbies

Sports, music, theatre, reading.

Neil Hewitt Francis (Australia)

Born Christchurch, New Zealand, 1944

Educated Canberra University and Australian National University

Work history

1967 to 1981	Overseas assignments with the Australian Department of External Affairs, later Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to diplomatic missions in Singapore, Thailand, Egypt, Bangladesh and Austria.
1981 to 1984	Project Management, Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco, United States of America.
1984 to 1990	Overseas assignments with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to diplomatic missions in Ethiopia and Moscow.
1990 to 1992	Executive Officer, United Nations and Political Section, International Organisations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, responsible, *inter alia*, for United Nations budgetary and administrative issues.
1992 to 1996	First Secretary, later Counsellor, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York, initially as Australian delegate to the Second Committee and later to the Fifth Committee. Was elected to complete predecessor's term on the Committee on Contributions in 1993, re-elected in 1995 and remains a member of the Committee.
1996 to 1997	Director, Environment Strategies Section, Environment Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1997 to present	Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Section, International Organisations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, responsible, *inter alia*, for United Nations system-wide budgetary and administrative issues.

Bernardo Greiver
(Uruguay)

Born on 5 November 1962, in Montevideo

Married, one son

Education

Bachelor's degree in foreign relations (University of the Republic, Montevideo)

Artigas Foreign Service Institute (Diplomatic School of Uruguay)

Professional experience

1994 to present	First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, responsible for the Second and Fifth Committees.
1993	Chief of the Office for Technical and Administrative Matters, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1992	Diplomatic Secretary, Central Office for Cultural Affairs.
1991	Diplomatic Secretary, Zone 5 Regional Office.
1990	Diplomatic Secretary, Office of Consular Affairs.

Career information

Career civil servant with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1989, recruited via competitive examination.

Promoted to First Secretary following competitive examination in 1996.

Henry Hanson-Hall
(Ghana)

Date of birth 14 June 1950

Place of birth Asikasu Odumase, Ghana

Educational background

Year	*Institution*	*Qualification*
1985–1986	Ghana School of Law	Professional Law Certificate (B.L.)
1984–1985	University of Nairobi	Postgraduate diploma in International Relations, International Law and International Economics
1981–1982	Ghana School of Law	Part I – Professional Law Certificate
1976–1979	University of Ghana, Legon	B.A. (Hons) Law and Modern History
1972–1974	Ghana Secondary School, Koforidua	School Certificate, Advanced Level

Professional experience

August 1997 to present	Minister Counsellor, delegate to the Fifth Committee Member of delegation, Committee for Programme and Coordination
August 1996–August 1997	Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations, Minister Counsellor, Head of Chancery and delegate to the Fifth Committee. Member of delegation, Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1992–1996	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal and Consular Bureau, Accra. Responsible for ratification, accession, etc. of agreements; refugee matters; assistance to Ghanaians abroad; complaints and claims by Ghanaians against foreigners; complaints and claims against the Government of Ghana. Member, Ghana Refugee Board.
1988–1992	Embassy of Ghana, Bonn, First Secretary, Counsellor, Head of Chancery. Responsible for trade, economic, educational and cultural matters.

15–28 October 1989	Certificate, Selected Aspects of Development and Economic Cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the countries of Africa, 15–28 October 1989, Berlin (West) and Bonn.
1983–1988	Assistant Director I, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Africa and OAU Division and Legal and Consular Bureau. Responsible for African Liberation Movements, OAU; assistance to Ghanaians abroad; legalization of documents and citizenship matters. Joint Ministerial Board on Refugee Matters.
1980–1983	Appointed Assistant Director II, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal and Consular Bureau, and the International Organization and Conferences Bureau. Responsible for legal matters, Non-Aligned Movement, International Atomic Energy Agency, Disarmament Committee, World Health Organization and World Intellectual Property Organization.

International conferences and seminars

May 1996	Seminar on International Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy.
March 1996	Leader of delegation to the first part of the third session of the Preparatory Meeting of the International Seabed Authority, Kingston.
March and August 1995	Leader of Ghana's delegation to the first and second parts of the Preparatory Meeting of the International Seabed Authority, Kingston.
March 1993–1996	Member-Secretary, Ghana/Côte d'Ivoire Joint Commission.
March 1993	United Nations International Drug Control Programme Seminar for Administrators, Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Central and West African Countries, Abidjan.
July 1988	Members of Ghana's delegation to West African Human Rights Conference, Cotonou.
18 August–7 November 1986	Internship Programme, Division of Refugee Law and Doctrine, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva.
June–August 1986	United Nations/UNITAR Seminar on International Law, The Hague Academy, The Hague, Netherlands.
January 1986	Member of Ghana's delegation to the African Liberation Committee, Lagos.
1–27 July 1985	Sixth African-European Training Course for Members of the Foreign Service of African Countries, Nairobi, Berlin (West) and Bonn.
August–September 1984	Member of Ghana's delegation to the Preparatory Meeting of the Quadripartite Meetings of Benin, Ghana, Togo and Nigeria in Lomé.

May–June 1982	Member of Ghana's delegation to the Preparatory and Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, Havana.
June–November 1981	United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Geneva and New York.

Family status

Married with four children.

Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina)

Date of birth 3 May 1936.

Marital status Married.

Profession

Lawyer, graduate of University of Buenos Aires, 1960.

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina.

Member of the Foreign Service since December 1965.

Foreign appointments

Secretary, Embassy of Argentina in Switzerland, 1971–1975.

Minister plenipotentiary, Embassy of Argentina in the United Kingdom, 1977–1982.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Bolivia, 1987–1991.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Chile, 1993–1997.

Posts held in the Foreign Ministry, Buenos Aires

1965–1971	Member, Department of the Legal Counsellor.
1975–1977	Member, Department for the River Plate Basin.
1982–1983	Section Head, Technical and Administrative Undersecretariat.
1983–1985	Director, Department for International Rivers.
1985–1987	Director, Department for Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.
1991	General Director for Latin American policy.
1991–1993	Assistant Secretary for Latin American policy.

Main diplomatic posts held

Chairman, Joint Maritime Shore Technical Commission (Uruguay, 1983–1986); Delegate (1975–1977).

Chairman, International Whaling Commission (1981–1984).

Commissioner for Argentina (1977–1993).

General Secretary for the River Plate Basin (1983–1984).

Secretary pro tempore of the Rio Group and the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (1991–1992).

Senior member of the Foreign Service Qualifying Board of Argentina (1991–1993).

Full professor, Foreign Service Institute of Argentina (1975–1977 and 1983–1985).

First elected President, Foreign Service Professional Association (1986–1987).

Academic activities

Professor of Public International Law, University of Buenos Aires (1975–1977 and 1982–1984); member of the faculty since 1967.

Visiting professor, Catholic University of Argentina (1982).

Full professor of Latin American and Caribbean International Relations, University of Belgrano (1992–1993).

Advisory member, Argentine Council for International Relations (1990).

Lectures, courses, publications, seminars (Buenos Aires, Geneva, London, La Paz and Santiago).

Fellow, International Court of Justice, The Hague (1967 and 1970); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (1967); International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (1967); Harvard Law School (1969).

Private law practice (Buenos Aires and Chubut) (1960–1965).

Academic honours from Bolivia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Chile (Grand Cross of the Republic of Chile and O'Higgins Grand Cross) and Brazil.

Experience in administration and finance

Was in charge of administrative and technical matters for two years in the Administrative and Technical Subsecretariat as Section Head for the Assistant Secretary.

Was a permanent delegate to the International Whaling Commission for ten years and served as Chairman for four years, with oversight of the organizational budget and the various indicators and factors determining the financial contributions of States parties.

Performed the functions of the technical section as Secretary of the Department for the River Plate Basin, including the preparation of the annual budget and the allocation of funds to the various sections of the Department.